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FROM USDEL UNIDO II CONFERENCE

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TAGS: UNIDO, OCON, US

SUBJECT: US POSITION AT UNIDO-II

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM AND E: DENNIS WOOD

FROM AMBASSADOR BENNETT

WE HAVE SENT BY SEPTTEL DRAFT OF GENERAL STATEMENT USDEL PROPOSES FOR UNIDO DEBATE. IT SEEMS TO ME HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT WE TAKE UP BEAT, FORTHCOMING TONE, IN ORDER ESTABLISH SOLID BASE FROM WHICH WE CAN THEN STATE CLEARLY OUR DIFFERENCES WITH DEMANDS AND STRATEGY OF GROUP OF 77. WITH EUROPEANS IN MOST CASES STRAINING TO SHOW GOOD WILL TOWARDS THIRD WORLD POSITIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT US NOT BE ISOLATED IN POSITION WHICH WOULD BE SEEN AS RIGIDLY NEGATIVE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON DRAFT BY COB MARCH 17.

CONFERENCE HAS STARTED REASONABLY WELL, WITH MOST DELEGATES EXPRESSING DESIRE TO REACH PRACTICAL AGREEMENT AND CALLS ON PART OF MOST SPEAKERS, INCLUDING THIRD WORLD FOR COOPERATION AND
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COMPROMISE. WE HAVE HAD SEPARATE APPROACHES FROM ZAIRIAN

PRESIDENT OF 77, CABINET MINISTER HEADING SENEGALESE DELEGATION AND OTHER AFRICANS AND ASIANS, ALL TALKING MODERATION. ALGERIANS HAVE NOT SPOKEN YET BUT SEEM IN A GRIM MOOD AND HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED OTHER AROUND TO HAVE THEIR WAY ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTER. PERUVIANS, WHO NATURALLY HAVE A GREAT STAKE IN SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE, AND OTHERS LIKE VENEZUELAN HAVE BEEN THIRD WORLDISH BUT HAVE TAKEN MODERATE APPROACHES WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. IRSIH SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF EC-9, GAVE EXCELLENT SPEECH, CONCILIATORY BUT

FRANKLY ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENCES WITH ALGIERS DECLARATION. WEST GERMAN'S BAHR THIS MORNING GAVE SOLID SPEECH SHOWING SYMPATHY FOR THIRD WORLD ASPIRATIONS BUT MAKING CLEAR HE COULD NOT ACCEPT MORE EXTREME PORTIONS OF ALGIERS' DOCUMENT.

I BELIEVE WE, AS DRAFT SPEECH INDICATES, SHOULD TAKE SIMILAR LINE. IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL, BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO BRING OFF AN OUTCOME MORE REASONABLE THAN ANTICIPATED. AS REPORTED FROM IA ECOSOC, PEOPLE SEEM TO BE IN A MOOD FOR DIALOGUE. THE IMPORTANCE OF US IS RECOGNIZED AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SHOW FRIENDLY BUT FIRM FACE.

FOR WOOD. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO INCLUDE IN MY REMARKS HERE ANY PORTIONS OF POLICY STATEMENTS MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON IN PARIS MEETING WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS FORUM. NATURALLY, WE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO USE ANY MATERIAL HERE WHICH YOU WOULD FIND HELPFUL IN YOUR GENERAL PICTURE.

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